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SUBJ: UPCOMING JAPAN- USSR CONFERENCE ON SIBERIAN  
DEVELOPMENT

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1. IGOR KAZAKOV, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC DEPT OF USSR TRADE  
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN JAPAN, TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 28  
THAT PLANS NOW TAKING SHAPE FOR SEVERAL UPCOMING JAPAN-  
SOVIET MEETINGS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. ANNOUNCEMENT  
WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY, KAZAKOV SAID, THAT DELEGATION  
HEADED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OSIPOV AND  
INCLUDING DEPUTY MINISTER FOR GEOLOGY VALERI IGREVSKEY  
AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND  
PETROLEUM MACHINE BUILDING WOULD ARRIVE IN JAPAN  
JULY 5. DELEGATION, WHICH WILL BE IN JAPAN FOR 10-14  
DAYS, WILL FOCUS ATTENTION PRIMARILY ON NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH JAPANESE RE YAKUTSK NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.  
WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR REALIZING SAKHALIN  
OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION PROJECT. KAZAKOV ALSO NOTED  
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( AS MENTIONED REFTEL A) THAT JAPANESE TECHNICAL TEAM TO DISCUSS  
YAKUTSK COAL PROJECT HAD ARRIVED IN MOSCOW JUNE 28.

2. KASAKOV SAID THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS WOULD NEED TIME  
TO ABSORB RESULTS OF OSIPOV VISIT TO JAPAN. IT THUS  
VERY LIKELY THAT TALKS WITH JAPANESE TYUMEN PROJECT TEAM,  
HEADED BY OVERSEAS PETROLEUM CORP. PRES. HIROKI IMAZATO,  
WOULD NOT BEGIN IN MOSCOW UNTIL ABOUT JULY 20. THEN, AS  
KASAKOV PUT IT, STILL MORE TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO STUDY  
PRELIMINARY TALKS ON FOUR PROJECTS, SO THAT IT LIKELY THAT  
DATE OF SIXTH SESSION OF JAPAN- SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATOR  
COMMITTEE ( WHICH WILL DISCUSS FOUR PROJECTS TOGETHER) WOULD  
BE POSTPONED UNTIL SOME TIME IN AUGUST.  
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